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RESPONSE TO OFFICE COMMUNICATION DATED NOVEMBER 21, 2001

In the November 21, 2001 Office Communication the Examiner indicated that he believed that the amendment filed on Sept. 7, 2001 was not fully responsive and gave Applicants an additional 30 days to respond.

In the Communication the Examiner states:

Specifically, applicant has failed to point out support in the specification for the Amendments contemplated by applicants. For example, applicant claims a first operator position identifier, second operator position identifier, etc. Applicants must